Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Material inserted is indicated by underlining and material deleted is indicated by ~~strikeout~~.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid dispensing apparatus comprising a bottle, a bottle neck liner and a flat-nosed syringe having a plunger and a barrel, the barrel terminating at its distal end in a generally flat face having a diameter corresponding to the diameter of the syringe barrel and being a perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the barrel, the bottle having a bottle neck in which is located the bottle neck liner having a cylindrical body sealingly engaged inside the bottle neck such that liquid cannot flow between the bottle neck liner and the bottle neck, the bottle neck liner comprising a sleeve comprising at its lower end an inward step located within the bottle neck, an aperture being defined inwardly of the inward step, wherein the cylindrical body and the sleeve are connected together with a web of material only at the upper end of the cylindrical body and of the sleeve, wherein the sleeve is formed with a flared portion at its upper end into which the distal end of the syringe barrel passes; wherein when the syringe barrel is inserted into the sleeve the inward step prevents the syringe barrel from protruding past the step and liquid cannot flow between the sleeve and the barrel, but can leave the bottle only via the aperture and thence the syringe.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) A liquid dispensing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the aperture is pre-formed and permanently open.

4. (Previously Presented) A liquid dispensing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bottle neck liner has a cylindrical body to engage sealingly inside the bottle neck, wherein the sleeve is spaced from the body, wherein the body and sleeve are connected together by a web of material only at one end of the body and of the sleeve; and wherein at the other end of the sleeve the inward step is located.

5. (Previously Presented) A liquid dispensing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sleeve comprises a resilient material.

6. (Previously Presented) A liquid dispensing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the inward step is a substantially annular inward step.

7. (Previously Presented) A liquid dispensing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the inward step is located in the region of one end of the sleeve.

8. (Previously Presented) A liquid dispensing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the liner comprises an outwardly protruding flange extending around at least a portion of an end of the liner and abutting the rim of the bottle neck into which the liner is inserted.

9. (Previously Presented) A liquid dispensing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bottle contains liquid medicine.

10. (Previously Presented) A liquid dispensing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bottle includes a closure member which can be secured over the bottle neck.

11. (Previously Presented) A method of dispensing liquid from liquid dispensing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) inserting the barrel of the syringe into the bottle neck of the bottle until the distal end of the barrel abuts the inward step;

(b) positioning the bottle such that liquid within the bottle contacts the aperture;

(c) effecting outward movement of a plunger of the syringe to withdraw liquid from the bottle into the barrel;

(d) positioning the bottle such that liquid within the bottle no longer contacts the aperture;

(e) removing the barrel from the bottle neck; and

(f) effecting inward movement of the syringe plunger to dispense liquid from the syringe barrel.

12. (Previously Presented) In combination, a flat-nosed syringe and a bottle neck liner, able to produce, with a bottle, a liquid dispensing apparatus as claimed in claim 1.